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TAGS: EAIR, ENRG, CA, US

SUBJECT: NEWFOUNDLAND REFINERY CEASES SUPPLY AVIATION
JET FUEL

1. BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE NEWFOUNDLAND REFINERY WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPLYING ITS NEEDS AT JFK AIRPORT THAT THE REFINERY'S EXPORT LICENSE HAS BEEN REVOKED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. CONTRACT CONTAINS FORCE MAJEUR CLAUSE, BUT BRANIFF WOULD LIKE THIRTY DAYS PROVIDED FOR IN CONTRACT TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE SUPPLY.

2. BRANIFF TENTATIVELY CONFIRMS OUR SUSPICIONS THAT REFINERY INVOLVED IS COME-BY-CHANCE REFINERY. WE THEREFORE SPECULATE CAUSE OF PRESENT PROBLEM IS THAT REFINERY'S ANTICIPATED BANKRUPTCY HAS BECOME REALITY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONFIRMING THAT REFINERY'S BANKRUPTCY IS BEHIND THIS
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ACTION, IF THAT IS INDEED CASE, AND ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS READILY OBTAINABLE. FYI: BRANIFF RECOGNIZES

THAT IF BANKRUPTCY IS INDEED CAUSE, BRANIFF MUST EXPECT
TO HAVE TO FIND SOLUTION ON ITS OWN. INGERSOLL

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